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In re Application of: R. TAKAHASHI et al: Art Unit: 1752

Serial No. : 10/797,870   :
                                           Examiner: B. L.
Filed   : March 10, 2004   :   Gilliam

Title   : LITHOGRAPHIC PRINTING PLATE:
             MATERIAL AND PRINTING
             METHOD   :

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DECLARATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

S i r:

        I, Rieko Takahashi, hereby declare and say as follows:

1.   I presented the Declaration dated September 21, 2005 in

      this application.

2.   I am aware that the Examiner has taken the position that the printing plate of Inoue (EP 1145848) has a support with a hydrophilic layer that inherently exhibits a transmission density of 0.5-1.2.   Tests have been performed and are reported herein to demonstrate that Inoue does not inherently exhibit this transmission density.   These tests were performed by myself or under my direct supervision and control.

3.   Sample 5 in Table 2 of Inoue was prepared as described in beginning in par. 179 of Inoue.   The printing plate precursor of Sample 5 contained an aluminum substrate as explained in par. 183 of Inoue.

4.   Sample 5 was subjected to densitometry to determine the transmission density.   As a result of this evaluation, it was confirmed that the transmission density could not be determined because the aluminum support did not transmit light.   Thus, Sample 5 had a transmission density approaching infinity.

It is declared by undersigned that all statements made herein of undersigned's own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and

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further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the U.S. Code; and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this Application or any patent issuing thereon.

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                    Rieko Takahashi

Dated: This   day of   , 2006.

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